GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TERRORIST CAMPS IN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a large number of terrorist camps are allegedly running in Bangladesh and Pakistan;

(b) If so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) Whether the Union Government has taken up the matter with the concerned countries;

(d) If so, the reaction of the said countries in this regard; and

(e)The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in raising this matter at international levels?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) − (e) Yes. There are reportedly 52 terrorist training camps in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. Government has, in its interaction with Pakistan at all levels, continuously stressed the fact that Pakistan needs to take effective action to dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism on a permanent basis. Government has made it clear to Pakistan that the premise on which the present dialogue process is based is the commitment of January 6, 2004 by Pakistan not to permit any territory under Pakistan`s control to be used to support terrorism in any manner. Pakistan has always denied the presence of terrorist training camps in Pakistan and in the territory under its control. Government has been keeping the international community informed of developments in this regard on a continuing basis as part of the global war against terrorism.

Indian insurgent groups continue to misuse Bangladesh territory for sanctuary, training camps, transportation of arms, and transit. These insurgents are being supported by intelligence agencies, both civilian and military, of Bangladesh. A list of 172 Indian insurgent group camps and 307 criminals/insurgents was handed over in the DG level Border Security Force (BSF) − Bangladesh Rifles

(BDR) talks held in September-October 2005. However, Bangladesh continues to maintain a policy of complete denial.